

April 8, 2014

His Excellency Terry McAuliffe
Governor of Virginia
111 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor McAuliffe:

The Leesburg Town Council respectfully requests that you work with the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates to adopt a budget for FY 2015 as expeditiously as possible, by removing the issue of Medicaid expansion from the budget.

Delaying adoption of a budget for the new fiscal year which begins in less than 60 days places an undue burden upon local governments that depend upon revenue from the Commonwealth. We are required by state law to adopt tax rates and budgets by July 1st of each year. Without an adopted state budget, we very well may adopt local budgets that cannot be supported by our adopted tax rates.

We understand that Medicaid expansion is a serious issue, but it deserves thoughtful consideration and discussion. Therefore, we believe it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth, and all Virginia citizens, for you and the General Assembly to take up the issue of Medicaid expansion after adopting a budget for FY 2015.

Very sincerely yours,

Kristen C. Umstattd
Mayor